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SUBJECT: CONSULAR AFFAIRS

1. ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN RECEIVED LETTER DATED AUG 19 FROM HOWARD S. IRWIN, PRESIDENT OF N.Y. BOTANICAL GARDEN COMPLAINING ABOUT THE LACK OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED DR. DUMONT BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. DR. DUMONT, WAS IN COLOMBIA ON A PLANT EXPLORATION PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

2. LETTER WHICH BEING SENT BY OM MENTIONS THAT CONSUL EXCLUDED TWO COLOMBIAN SCIENTISTS FROM CONFERENCE IN CONSUL'S OFFICE AND EMBASSY WAS NOT WILLING TO ASSIST HIM IN GETTING RE ENTRY PERMIT FOR HIS TRUCK.

3. DEPT OFFICER WAS CALLED TO CONGRESSMAN FISK'S OFFICE AND QUESTIONED AT LENGTH ABOUT SERVICES PROVIDED TO CITIZENS ABROAD, AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WHY ONE CONOFF UNWILLING TO ASSIST WHILE CONOFF OATES WAS MOST HELPFUL.

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4. CONGRESSMAN STATED THAT CONOFF OATES WAS REPRIMANDED BY SENIOR CONOFF IN PRESENCE OF DR. DUMONT FOR OFFERING ASSISTANCE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OF DR. DUMONT THAT

OATES MAY HAVE PROFESSIONALLY SUFFERED BY HIS HELPFUL EFFORTS AND ASKED THAT WE OBTAIN AN EXPLANATION FROM THE EMBASSY ABOUT THIS.

5. LETTER BEING FORWARDED FOR EMBASSY'S REPLY TO DEPT SO THAT WE MAY RESPOND TO CONGRESSMAN FISK. APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY.

6. FYI: CONG. FISK WHO WAS ONCE CONOFF IRELAND WAS UNDERSTANDING OF HEAVY WORKLOAD AT POST AND APPEARED SATISFIED WITH DEPT OFFICER'S GENERAL EXPLANATION OF DR. DUMONT'S APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING OF CONOFF'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST. HE IS INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN GETTING CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENED SO THAT HE MAY EXPLAIN TO HIS CONSTITUENT AND FRIEND. VANCE

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